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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. The present statement is provided to facilitate the work of the Sixth Committee and does not make reference to the various programme aspects, which would normally be presented with the financial implications of the above resolution.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10, the General Assembly would decide that the Preparatory Committee would meet from 10 to 21 February, from 4 to 15 August and from 1 to 12 December 1997,[1] and from 16 March to 3 April 1998, in order to complete the drafting of a widely acceptable consolidated text of a convention, to be submitted to the diplomatic conference, and would request the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Committee with the necessary facilities for the performance of its work.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

3. The above request is related to section 26E, Conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

[1] These dates are still under consideration.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Services would be provided for the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, to be held from 10 to 21 February, from 4 to 15 August and from 1 to 12 December 1997, and from 16 March to 3 April 1998.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

5. Conference-servicing requirements for the meeting of the Preparatory Committee are estimated on a full-cost basis at $1,179,800 for 1997 and $534,600 for 1998 based on the following assumptions:

(a) Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10, the Preparatory Committee would have the following sessions in 1997 and 1998:

(i) Third session: 11-21 February 1997 (two weeks);

(ii) Fourth session: 11-22 August 1997 (two weeks);

(iii) Fifth session: 1-12 December 1997 (two weeks);

(iv) Sixth session: 16 March-3 April 1998 (three weeks);

(b) The requirements would be for two meetings per day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), 10 meetings per week, with interpretation services in all six official languages. Documentation requirements for each session would be as follows (documents to be issued in all six official languages):

(i) Third session: Pre-session: 30 pages; in-session: 30 pages; post-session: 60 pages;

(ii) Fourth session: Pre-session: 20 pages; in-session: 100 pages; post-session: 60 pages;

(iii) Fifth session: Pre-session: 20 pages; in-session: 100 pages; post-session: 60 pages;

(iv) Sixth session: Pre-session: 20 pages; in-session: 100 pages; post-session: 60 pages;

(c) The inclusion of the third, fourth and fifth sessions would be additional to the approved calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1996-1997. The sixth session would be incorporated into the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1998-1999. The question of accommodating the additional meetings in the 1997 calendar is under review and subject to a recommendation to be made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly at its current session.

E. Summary

6. Should draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10 be adopted, the requirements are estimated at $1,714,400 based on the following assumptions:

Conference-servicing requirements

(United States dollars)

	Sessions			
	10-21 February 1997	4-15 August 1997	1-12 December 1997	16 March-3 April 1998
Pre-session documentation	35 400	23 500	23 500	24 100
Meeting servicing	201 700	201 700	201 700	309 800
In-session documentation	40 700	125 300	125 300	132 100
Post-session documentation	67 000	67 000	67 000	68 600
Total	344 800	417 500	417 500	534 600

7. Such requirements would be considered in the context of the Fifth Committee's decision, including the issue of accommodating the additional meeting in 1997 in the calendar of conferences, in December 1996 when it considers the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.